

Extension of Energy Conservation Programs: The House passed H.R. 2981, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H9025.

Referrals: S. 1051 was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9030–31, H9031–32, H9039–40, H9071–72, H9072, and H9073. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Hamre, Deputy Secretary; Gen. Anthony Zinni, USMC Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command; Gen. John Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Dave Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General, Army; Lt. Col. Redmond Handy, USAF (ret.); Maj. Jeffrey Jeffords, USAF, 164th Airlift Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard; Master Sgt. William Colley, USAF, 137th Airlift Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard; Col. Myron G. Ashcraft, USAF, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Ohio Air National Guard; Lt. (jg) Chris Rohrbach, USN, Assistant Officer in Charge, Bravo Platoon, Group 8, Little Creek, Virginia; and Gunnery Sgt. Larry Miyamoto, USMC, Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2634, amended, Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 1999; H.Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer; H.R. 1070, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program; H.R. 2418, amended, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999; and H.R. 11, amended, to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES INTERNET ACCESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1746, Schools and Libraries Internet Access Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller and Tancredo; Christopher J. Wright, General Counsel, FCC; Kelly Levy, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Policy Analysis and Development, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1451, amended, to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; H. Res. 279, amended, congratulating Henry “Hank” Aaron on the 25th anniversary of breaking the Major League Baseball career home run record established by Babe Ruth and recognizing him as one of the greatest baseball players of all time; H.R. 2904, amended, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize funding for the Office of Government Ethics; H.R. 915, amended, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges; H.R. 2885, amended, Statistical Efficiency Act of 1999; H.R. 1788, amended, Nazi Benefits Termination Act of 1999; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the “Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building”; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building”; H.R.

1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., Post Office"; H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building"; H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office"; H.R. 1374, amended, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 State Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the "John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building"; H.R. 2302, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 307 Main Street in Johnson City, New York, as the "James W. McCabe, Sr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 2358, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office"; H.R. 2460, to designate the United States Post Office located at 125 Border Avenue West in Wiggins, Mississippi, as the "Jay Hanna 'Dizzy' Dean Post Office"; H.R. 2591, to designate the United States Post Office located at 713 Elm Street in Wakefield, Kansas, as the "William H. Avery Post Office"; and H.R. 2938, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office".

GRANT WAIVERS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a joint hearing on Grant Waivers: H.R. 2376, to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, and Streamlining the Process. Testimony was heard from Representative Green of Wisconsin; John J. Callahan, Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Samuel Chambers, Jr., Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

HONESTY IN SWEEPSTAKES ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 170, Honesty in Sweepstakes Act of 1999.

EAST TIMOR—HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Humanitarian Crisis in East Timor. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Harold Hongju Koh, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and Julia Taft, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Testimony was heard from Andrew Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Ivan K. Fong, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Pamela Meade Sargent, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999; and H.R. 1887, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty. Testimony was heard from Representative Salmon; Philip S. Wise, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1520, Child Status Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 2886, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act; H.R. 2961, International Patient Act.

The Subcommittee also passed on for full Committee action two private relief bills.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1864, to standardize the process for conducting public hearings for Federal agencies within the Department of the Interior; H.R. 1866, to provide a process for the public to appeal certain decisions made by the National Park Service and by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of Mississippi and Underwood; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: William Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Professional Services, National Park Service; and Juliette Falkner, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs; and public witnesses.

DAKOTA WATER RESOURCES ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2918, Dakota Water Resources Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Senators Conrad and Dorgan; Representative Pomeroy; Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Edward P. Schafer, Governor, State of North Dakota; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Skeen.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2084, Department of Transportation and related agencies Appropriations Act 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Sabo.

REFORMULATED GASOLINE

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment concluded hearings on Reformulated Gasoline (Part II). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMPUTER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2413, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Keith Rhodes, Director, Office of Com-

puter and Information Technology Assessment, GAO; and public witnesses.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS SUSTAINABILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 1497, Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999.

FUTURE—WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on the Future of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Testimony was heard from Senators Warner and Robb; Representatives Davis of Virginia, Moran of Virginia, Hoyer, Wynn, Pombo and Radanovich; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Peter J. Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Raymond J. DeCarli, Deputy Inspector General; John D. Porcari, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Carol Schwartz, member, Council; and Vanessa Burns, Director, Department of Public Works; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL DATA QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Financial Data Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John L. Meche, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Financial and Information Technology; and Jack Basso, Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and William B. Early, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; and the following officials of the EPA: James O. Rauch, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Financial Officer.

VETERANS' MATTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Resolution Management and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication. Testimony was heard from Carlton Hadden, Acting Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**LAND USE, CONSERVATION, AND
PRESERVATION—IMPACT OF TAX LAWS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Impact of Tax Laws on Land Use, Conservation, and Preservation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Kanjorski, Gilchrest, Blumenauer, Pitts and Hoeffel; Leonard Burman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; D. Reid Wilson, Chief of Staff, EPA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION**

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 900/H.R. 10, bills to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1050)

H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed September 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-57)

H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed September 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-58)

S. 1637, to extend through the end of the current fiscal year certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations. Signed September 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-59)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1999****Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Balanced Budget Act Refinements, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.